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Regents make reductions

Board meets in Frankfort to discuss possible budget cuts

HOLLY BROWN
& MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporters

President Gary Ransdell gave the Board of Regents a general view of where Western will make reductions to meet budget cuts at the quarterly board meeting on Friday.

"We will take about half of that reduction from central university-wide programs and variables and about half of the cut will be spread across the divisions of the university for reductions at the discretion of the executive officer over that division," he said.

Ransdell said he would discuss the budget issue with the administrative council this week and inform the campus in "necessary detail" where cuts to Western's budget will come from in about 10 days.

Newly appointed Gov. Steve Beshear, as of Dec. 21, 2007 ordered a 3 percent cut on postsecondary education by July 1,

which is the beginning of the next fiscal year. On Jan. 4, he warned of a possible additional 12 percent cut.

With the possible 15 percent cut, Western faces a potential loss of \$12.5 million for the 2008-2010 biennium.

The extra cut could mean a tuition increase of up to 8 or 9 percent and the loss of total programs.

Ransdell will attend Beshear's address to the General Assembly today. Beshear will present a balanced budget for approval during this address.

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► ONLINE

More photos from Friday's Board if Regents meeting available
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BRIANA SCROGGINS/HERALD

(Top) **The Board of Regents meeting included** Student Government Association President Jeanne Johnson, the student regent, Regent Ladonna Rogers, President Gary Ransdell, Board Chairwoman Lois Gray, Regent Jim Meyer and Regent Jim Johnson, among others. (Above) President Gary Ransdell discussed Gov. Steve Beshear's plan to cut the budget of state universities.

Fewer transfer students add to tuition shortfall

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

More money troubles might come for Western in the form of a \$500,000 shortfall in tuition.

As of Jan. 18, the amount of spring tuition billed was 97.8 percent of tuition budgeted, according to an e-mail from Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead. That number is expected to be even less because of students who drop for nonpayment.

Western is stepping up recruitment efforts to make up for the shortfall caused by fewer transfer students, said Dean Kahler, associate vice president of academic affairs.

Mead said more students were eligible for Pell Grants this year, and Western budgeted for no increase.

The shortfall was also caused by shifts in enrollment trends, such as more students enrolling as part-time and fewer students enrolling from out of state, she said.

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Stepfather of acquitted Autry suspect found dead Friday

Cause of death yet to be determined in William 'Bruce' Dugas case

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

The stepfather of Lucas B. Goodrum, the man who had been acquitted of the 2003 murder of Pellville freshman Melissa "Katie" Autry, was found burned and dead in his car on Friday at the 29 mile-marker southbound rest area on I-65, according to Kentucky State Police.

The Smith's Grove Fire Department, with one truck and four personnel, arrived at 11 p.m. to find William "Bruce" Dugas burning in his BMW, Assistant Fire Chief Steven Wilson said.

Yesterday, the parking space where Dugas' car sat — marked by two orange cones — was blackened and pock-marked. Melted rubber from the tires ran down away from the curb and formed a solid pool.

Dugas' body was identified by his driver's license, said Ralph Sizemore, Warren County deputy coroner.

The cause of Dugas' death hasn't been determined, said Trooper Todd Holder, KSP communications officer.

Holder said that foul play hasn't been ruled out.

"We're following up to see if it was foul play or an accident," Holder said.

He said that he couldn't release more details because of the ongoing investigation.

Goodrum had been charged with raping, sodomizing and setting Autry on fire in her Poland Hall dorm room on May 4, 2003.

Autry died from third degree burns on May 7, 2003 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

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BY THE NUMBERS

293

Number of ways one could make change for a dollar

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Pounds of pickles consumed by Americans daily

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Average number of years of an NFL player’s career

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Number of people with pillow related injuries checked into U.S. emergency rooms in 1992

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www.geocities.com/transactoid/facts.htm

► NEWS BRIEF

Crisis Management Team gets student representation

Student Government Association President Jeanne Johnson said in an e-mail Friday that Campus Police Chief Robert Deane invited SGA to place a student on the Crisis Management Team.

Johnson, after learning that there was no student representation on the committee, asked Howard Bailey, associate vice president of student affairs and development, that a student be allowed to attend the meetings.

Bailey sent his e-mail to Deane, who issued the invitation for a SGA representative to attend the next meeting at 11 a.m. on Jan. 30 in Downing University Center.

— Larry Rowell



WHAT’S GOING ON?

The calendar runs every Tuesday. Send your event post request by 3 p.m. Monday to calendar@chherald.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29
-Hartland Equipment John Deere Days,Time: TBA, Ag Expo Center -SGA Student Senate, 5 p.m., DUC 305
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30
-Blood Drive, noon-5 p.m., Glasgow Campus room 131 -Gift Announcement, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., ESB High Bay lab -Hartland Equipment John Deere Days,Time: TBA, Ag Expo Center -Women’s Basketball v. UALR, 7 p.m., Diddle Arena
THURSDAY, JAN. 31
-Hartland Equipment John Deere Days,Time: TBA, Ag Expo Center -Men’s Basketball v. UALR, 7 p.m., Diddle Arena -Swimming at University of Louisville, 6 p.m., Louisville
FRIDAY, FEB. 1
-Guest Faculty, Talbott/Speed Duo Strings Recital, Free, 11:30 a.m., fine arts center -Indoor track and field at Indiana Relays, Bloomington, Ind. -Men’s tennis, 1 p.m., Louisville -Why we should celebrate Black History Month, 6 p.m., DUC 340
SATURDAY, FEB. 2
-Indoor track and field at Indiana Relays, Bloomington, Ind. -Men’s Basketball v. Denver, 7 p.m., Diddle Arena -Men’s Tennis at Bellarmine, 1 p.m., Louisville -SKTPA, 10:30 a.m., Ag Expo Center -Women’s Basketball v. Denver, 3 p.m., Diddle Arena -Women’s Tennis v. UT Chattanooga, 1 p.m., Chattanooga,Tenn.
SUNDAY, FEB. 3
-Quartet for the End of Time, Free faculty recital, 3 p.m., fine arts center recital hall -SKTPA, 10:30 a.m., Ag Expo Center
MONDAY, FEB. 4
-African American Read-In, 1-4 p.m., Java City in Helm Library -Baker Arboretum Seminar, 6 p.m., Ag Expo Center -Ky Center for Mathematics Training, 8 a.m., Ag Expo Center -Movie: Pride, 7 p.m., DUC fourth floor

► CRIME REPORTS

Arrests

♦Paul M. Kopec, Bowling Green, was arrested Jan. 26 on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, assault and criminal mischief, according to a Bowling Green police report.

Kopec was asked to leave Froggy’s restaurant and bar and allegedly tried to fight the bar staff. When police arrived, he allegedly fought with them and was subdued after having been bitten by the K-9 police dog. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail on Jan. 27 on a \$500 cash bond.

♦Ahren Eisenmenger, Pearce-Ford Tower, was arrested Jan. 24 on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in PFT. He was released from Warren County jail on a \$2,040 unsecured bond.

♦Brittany V. Yancey, Hillridge Court, was arrested Jan. 24 on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place in the lobby of Meredith Hall. She was released from Warren County jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦Lauren A. Burkeen, Kimberly Avenue, was arrested on Jan. 24 on charges of careless driving and driving under the influence under 21 in the Pearce-Ford lot. She was released from Warren County jail on a \$700.20 unsecured bond.

Reports

♦Jennifer Thurmond, Fairview Pine, reported on Jan. 27 a purse stolen from State Street Pub. The value of the theft was \$1,090.

♦Matthew Payne, Normal Drive, reported on Jan. 26, electronic equipment and cash stolen from his residence. The value of the theft was \$950.

♦Senad Berisa, Spring Hollow Avenue, reported on Jan. 26 electronic equipment, jewelry, clothing and furniture stolen from her residence. The value of the theft was \$7,000.

♦Jay White, Fern Hill Street, reported on Jan. 24 electronic equipment stolen from his residence. The value of the theft was \$1,000.

♦Michael Hilger, McCormack Hall, reported on Jan. 22 a radar detector stolen from his vehicle parked in McCormack lot. The value of the theft was \$400.

♦Alexis Goble, Blue River, reported a debit card stolen from her room in PFT on Jan. 22 and fraudulent use of a credit card under \$300.

♦John Erskine, Cedar Ridge Drive, reported on Jan. 21 a Motorola cell phone stolen from Fresh Food Court in Downing University Center. The value of the theft was \$75.

♦Jon Keightley, Nashville Road, reported on Jan. 21 body damage to his Chevrolet pickup at his residence. The damage estimate was not available at press time.

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PEOPLE
POLL

What do you think of the trademark infringement lawsuit involving Big Red?



Landon Tong
Owensboro
sophomore

"If Big Red is trademarked, then we should go after it. When people see Big Red, they think of Western"



Elizabeth Gordon
Mayfield
junior

"If our tuition is paying for it, then I say we shouldn't, because things are already too expensive."



Jared Crocker
Shepherdsville
sophomore

"If Big Red came first, then Big Red came first. We should sue away."

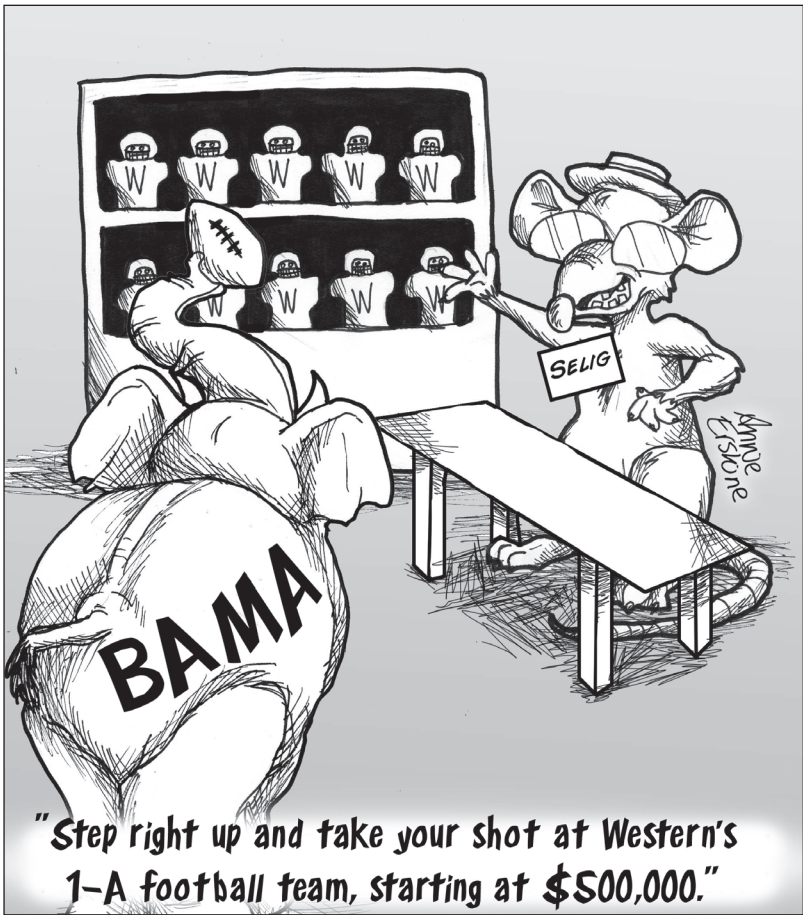


Chris Bell
Bowling Green
junior

"I think it is stupid and I don't care either way. It doesn't affect me."

OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL



Playing head games
Board of Regents plays softball

On Friday, Athletics Director Wood Selig presented the Board of Regents with a glowing report on the football team's transition to the football bowl subdivision (formally division 1-A) from the football championship subdivision (formally division 1-AA).

Selig reported an increase in revenue from ticket sales, merchandise sales, higher student attendance at home games and growing media coverage. But Selig's rosy picture of the transition failed to mention the surge in diagnosed concussions.

By Oct. 22, 2007, diagnosed concussions tripled the number of the 2006 season ... an increase from 4 to 12. Yet despite these gross facts, the Board of Regents failed to raise the issue.

Experts said that though the increase can not be solely blamed on the transition to the football bowl subdivision, it could have been a factor in the increase, saying greater competition and bigger, stronger and faster players lend to greater injury.

Though it is not known if the transition was solely responsible for the spike in concussions, one would think it would at least be a topic of discussion at this meeting.

These players, Western's ambassadors, have been used in an effort to bring more money and students to Western. Yet, it appears their health is of lesser importance than the public face of the university.

A well-rounded analysis of the season has to cover both the good and the bad. It is not responsible for the Board of Regents and Wood Selig to avoid an issue of student's health in order to paint a prettier picture.

As a governing body for the school the Board of Regents needs to delve into the positive and the negative. It is not their job to be cheerleaders for Western. It is their job, as appointed leaders, to watch after the interest of the state and the students.

Lets face it, the bigger, stronger, faster, mentality of recruit-

ment and performance has clouded the judgment of the university's leaders. Though these student athletes may be the key to expanding the name of the university, they are still just that — students, and most are in their late teens and early twenties and their health is at stake.

At the end of the day most of these players will not go on to play pro ball. They will leave college, raise families and settle in to a middle-aged existence. Let's just hope that Western will start to ensure their safety on the field now so that when they take their degrees to their nine-to-five's later in life that they will be capable of carrying their memories of Friday night lights with them.

For reasons of objectivity Corey Paul abstained from voting on this editorial.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member editorial board.

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COMMENTARY

'Does the world progress on people doing merely what is necessary?'



Ryan Hunton
Herald reporter

Western Kentucky students, you are American scholars. Each of you have come from some life I have never known, or have lived some story I might read in a book or hear about some day.

You are the people of 2008, the generation that has been waiting in the ticket line for a few decades. Your time at Western will determine what you do from here on. It will all fall into place in some way that you precisely expected, or could never imagine.

Now, you sit somewhere in, or near, or far from Bowling Green, reading my words printed in paper or on a screen. Many of you do not know what you will do after this college thing. That does not matter. It never mattered.

For you, for me, for every person who you have ever seen, it never mattered.

You are not an artist or a businessman. You are someone who creates art and thus becomes an artist, someone who works in business. It may be your only full-time job, the only job you've ever had. Eventually you go home, eventually you lie down in bed and sleep.

When you "do nothing," are you doing nothing? You lie in one place, do not seem to be moving. But you are considering this or some other question. And you are thinking ... of something.

As an American scholar, as a student of Western, sure, you can do whatever is necessary to get your degree to get your job to make your money.

Does the world progress on people doing merely what is necessary?

There is more to your life. There is more to getting out of Western besides a piece of paper. There are infinite things you will learn and forget and become in your life. There are infinite things that interest you, that do not interest me, that do not interest the person who sits next to you in class. I hope your interests expand beyond alcohol and drugs. If not, you might be in the wrong place.

To be an American scholar is to be an explorer. Even as you find something on which to build your life, it is not everything.

You are moving closer to the front of the ticket line. The ticket can take you nowhere, somewhere, anywhere, everywhere ... but you can do that already.

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COMMENTARY

Them's fightin' words: Italian lawyer trashes Big Red



DEBORAH WILKINS
General Counsel

By now most of the campus community is probably aware of the travesty of justice that took place in Italy a few weeks ago. The licensing company that oversees Big Red for marketing purposes filed an infringement lawsuit in Italy, arguing that a character called "Gabibbo" was a copy of Big Red.

Gabibbo's creator admitted, in writing, that he copied Big Red when he created Gabibbo. All boring legal details aside, suffice it to say that the Italian judicial system is quite different from the United States. But, we knew from the get go that things could get ugly — this would not be a competition on a neutral court. You see, Gabibbo's owner is Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister of Italy and one of the richest

men in the world.

The initial ruling is a disappointment, but we remain confident in our position. However, this first round loss is nothing compared to the outrageous comments that followed from Mediaset's attorney, Stefano Longhini. In response to a story run by CNBC on the suit, Stefano described Big Red as "a container, a costume without any particular distinctive features, but for the name WKU on the bosom." He went on to disparage Big Red as wearing only "red fur," and tennis shoes, while Gabibbo wears "a bow tie, a stomacher and cuffs" similar to a tuxedo.

Now, it's bad enough that Berlusconi (which is Italian for "I'm a billionaire and you're not") saw fit to steal Big Red's identity

in order to make another billion or two, but when the family consigliere stoops to calling Big Red a red furry container with a bosom — well, as we say in Kentucky, "them's fightin' words." It is an insult that cannot go unaddressed — nay, not even if a response might cause an international incident. So, with apologies to Condi, I offer a rebuttal.

First of all, what's up with a name like "Gabibbo" anyway? My Italian is a bit rusty, but I'm pretty sure that in Italian, gabibbo means "tuxedo-wearing nincompoop." Second, so what if Big Red wears nothing but athletic shoes? Such shoes are the daily shoe of choice for the vast majority of normal, right-thinking people who, like Big Red, would not be caught

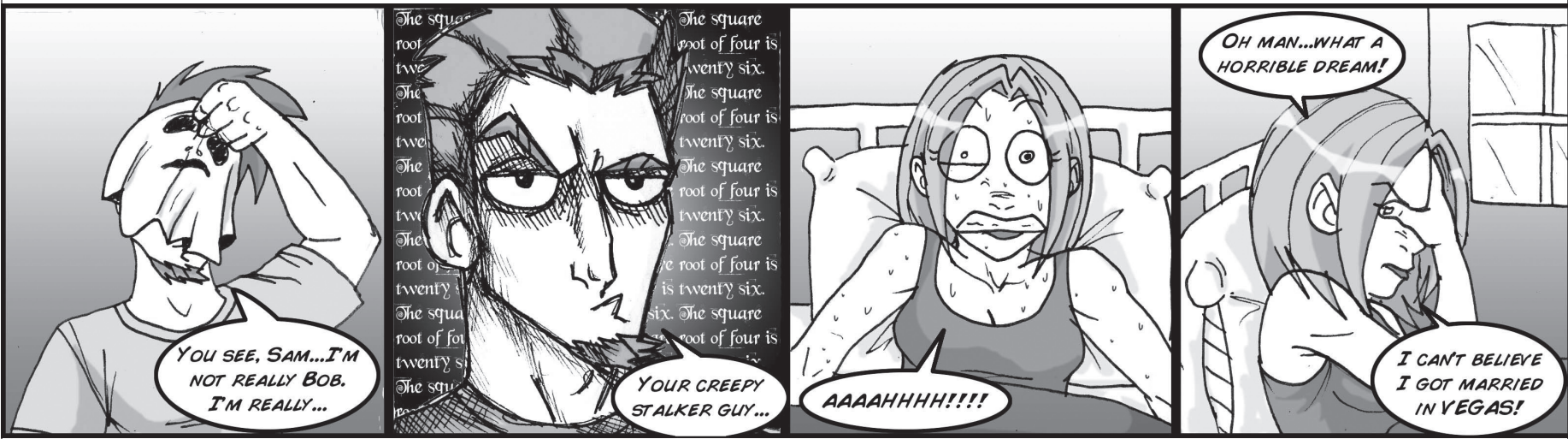
dead in a bow tie. As if the bow tie is not bad enough, Gabibbo's personality is abrasive and obnoxious, and his voice sounds like a recording of Steven Tyler on acid being played backwards. Gabibbo's popularity is based on his rude antics — people run from him. He makes babies cry. Dogs want to bite him. Grandmothers hit him with their canes. Gabibbo copied Big Red's look, but nothing else.

The suit will be appealed and we hope to get justice we deserve in Italy. But if the scales don't tip our way, we still win — we have Big Red. Italy will be stuck with a tuxedo-wearing nincompoop.

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Annie's
OUTLOOK

A cartoon strip by Annie Erskine



CAMPUS LIFE



Jason Hodge and Chris Scudder teach Brandon Hunton, 12, all terrain vehicle riding skills during a safety program training course Saturday sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture at the Agricultural Exposition Center. Participants learned the importance of using safety precautions while riding ATVs as well as first aid tips.

Training course aimed at improved ATV safety

MARIANNE HALE
Herald reporter

Megan Edwards sat in the fourth floor hallway of Minton Hall describing her past few months. She lifted herself from the floor when she finished talking, something she couldn't have done with such ease a few months ago.

Edwards, a Cincinnati freshman, fractured her pelvis and lower back vertebrae in a Nov. 15, 2007 all-terrain vehicle accident.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is making efforts to lower accident numbers through ATV training courses.

The department conducted a course on Saturday at Western's Agriculture Exposition Center.

Participants ages 12 to 18 and their parents listened as safety administrator Dale Dobson spoke about the dangers of ATVs and how riders could stay safe.

"It's about making life and death decisions," Dobson said.

ATVs are rider active vehicles designed for off-road use, such as a four-wheeler.

Edwards was riding an ATV with a friend when it flipped over going downhill, said Katie Moore, a freshman from Nashville, Tenn.

It crashed on both girls, but the majority of the weight was on Edwards, Moore said.

That was the first time Edwards had ever been on an ATV.

From 2002-2005, Kentucky was the state with the highest reported ATV fatalities — 143 total. In 2007, 308 ATV crashes were reported to Kentucky State Police, 29 of which were fatalities, said Sherry Bray, KSP media coordinator.

"I know there are a lot more than that," she said.

Those figures only reflect reported accidents.

At the safety course, Dobson showed kids the importance of proper safety gear. They silently stared at a screen showing pictures of ATV casualties.

The kids practiced what they learned outside on ATVs. Orange cones mapped a course for the excited riders. Two judges walked beside participants to be sure they performed the proper safety procedures.

Participants stood in the cold awaiting their turn for a short ATV ride.

Edwards doesn't show that

same enthusiasm. She said there isn't a chance she will ever ride an ATV again.

For those that will, Bowling Green graduate student Kim Vickous, a nursing student, gave the kids tests to examine their knowledge and attitudes about ATV safety.

"I'm very interested in injury prevention," she said. "Education is one way to help."

She plans to use the tests to determine if ATV training courses are successful in teaching safety and changing attitudes.

Despite her injuries, Edwards maintained a positive attitude and finished her fall semester online.

She spent about a month in a wheelchair before moving to crutches on New Year's Day, she said.

After physical therapy, she's walking without crutches, even making the long trek up the Hill to her classes. She said her doctors believe she'll be fully recovered in about a month.

"I accepted it and then I just worked toward getting better," she said.

Reach Marianne Hale
at news@chherald.com.

"I accepted it and then I just worked toward getting better."

— Megan Edwards
Cincinnati freshman

REGENTS

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Ransdell will testify before a House subcommittee about the budget on Thursday, planning to play defense.

Ransdell is also meeting with the Council on Postsecondary Education on Friday during which budget cuts will be addressed.

Ransdell said during his time in Frankfort his goal is keeping the significant impact of the cuts on the minds of legislators.

"We're going to do our very best to work with the General Assembly to find revenue sources that allow further cuts to be avoided," he said.

Beshear learned of the budget imbalance on Dec. 2, nine days after becoming governor.

"The governor lacks three things — money, time and authority," Ransdell said.

The authority Beshear lacks is that which allows him to collect new revenues before making his budget address.

Ransdell described the timeframe that officials learned of the budget crisis as a "curious situation."

"We've seen numbers from \$434 million to \$600 million in

terms of a short fall and that is an awful lot of money in terms of a state budget," Ransdell told the 11-member board.

A new budget won't require board action until it's next meeting on April 24.

Brad Cowgill, interim president of CPE, said Kentucky faces three financial problems: revenue shortfall; structural imbalance; and internal pressures caused by an increase in Medicaid claims, prisoner incarceration and the retirement system.

Facing a cut to help balance this, state universities must assure progress through systemic changes, which will be hard to do, Cowgill said. That may mean a tuition increase and coming up with a list of priorities, then cutting from the bottom.

Cowgill explained that the reason for the cut is that in the last four years the budget had become back-loaded.

Back-loading is dividing budget money so more is spent in the second year of the biennium, "setting in motion forces that need to be sustained," he said.

Cowgill said the budget Beshear will present tonight is just a recommendation, but it's a recommendation that has a strong influence on the General Assembly, because it's already balanced.

"The governor has the advantage in that he gets to go first," he said. "Legislators have the advantage in that they have more time. The most precious thing you have is time."

Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead said Western will receive \$2.5 million less this fiscal year in state money and will start funding with a base funding amount that is \$2.5 million less beginning next fiscal year.

Cowgill said it's important for universities and CPE to maintain good communication with each other to solve the budget problem.

"We won't wring our hands," he said. "We won't throw in the towel. We won't give up."

Corey Paul contributed to this story.

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"We won't throw in the towel. We won't give up."

— Brad Cowgill
CPE interim president

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BOWLING GREEN

Alcohol recovery center
gains approval despite
Western's opposition

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

A Western official voiced opposition on Thursday night to the location of a recovery center for men dealing with alcohol and drug addictions.

During a meeting with the Warren County Board of Adjustments, Howard Bailey, associate vice president of student affairs and development, said that Western's opposition stems from the location of the center, called His House, and not its purpose.

His House began operations in March of 2007 at 1511 Chestnut St., in the heart of the University Overlay District, where there are many student organizations and Greek houses.

Western's Department of Social Work signed an agreement with His House owner Max Weaver in September allowing students to earn course credits by working there.

Two students have worked there.

Weaver couldn't be reached for further comment.

Weaver operated His House without a conditional use permit, which is required by the city to use a house for anything other than a residence, and was cited by the Board of Adjustments in November.

Weaver filed a permit request for the Nov. 29 meeting, but withdrew it on advice from his attorney, Brent Travelsted, the Bowling Green Daily News previously reported.

Weaver's request for a conditional use permit at Thursday night's meeting was approved.

Bailey said that the location of the building, the University Overlay District, is historically collegiate in nature.

He added that most of Western's sororities are located on Chestnut, including two sororities that had to move from Normal this semester to make way for the new College of Education building.

About 18 years ago, officials from the University and City Planning Commission met out of a concern that the social atmosphere of Greek houses "didn't mix well" in residential neighborhoods, Bailey said.

The two groups decided that it would be best to create

a University Overlay District for Greek and campus religious organizations, such as Baptist Campus Ministries.

The University Overlay District boundary was officially adopted by the Planning Commission in January 1990, according to the City-County Commission Web site.

Bailey agreed with that decision, but said the makeup of a facility with recovering addicts doesn't need to be near a collegiate environment.

"They need to be in an area with some commercial flavor," Bailey said.

Dean May, social work department head, said he thinks the people who direct the agency would set the place up in an area that is better suited for the agency.

Even though Steve Tyree, campus minister of Hilltoppers for Christ, agreed with Bailey, he said that HFC, whose headquarters is located on Chestnut Street, would be good neighbors and "love those folks just like anyone else in the neighborhood."

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DUGAS

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A jury found Goodrum not guilty on March 21, 2005, after Goodrum had spent nearly two years in jail, the Herald previously reported.

Stephen L. Soules, 21, of Scottsville pleaded guilty to Autry's murder on March 23, 2005. He's serving life in prison without the possibility of probation or parole, the Herald reported.

After being acquitted, Goodrum said he would stay with Dugas at his ranch in Aubrey, Texas, riding horses and working, the Herald reported.

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DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

William "Bruce" Dugas' body was found burning in his BMW late Friday evening at a rest stop on mile marker 29 of Interstate 65. The car was parked in front of the rest stop's building. The cause of death has not been determined, but foul play has not been ruled out.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA plans to increase
student participation,
fight budget cuts

NEIL SANDERS
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association opened its office doors on Jan. 22, starting a new year's agenda. While the first official meeting of the SGA will take place today, the SGA executive officers began this semester's work on Saturday at their annual executive retreat.

SGA President Jeanne Johnson said combating the statewide educational budget cuts would occupy a good portion of this year's agenda.

"One of our biggest goals of this semester is obtaining equivalent funding for Western," Executive Vice President Johnathon Boles said.

SGA will be conducting efforts to reach Frankfort on two fronts, Johnson said.

The first step in SGA's plan to lobby in Frankfort is SGA's annual rally on Feb. 20, in which students will travel along with SGA members to Frankfort and protest the educational budget cuts, she said.

The idea in past years has been that students from colleges around the state stand in the rotunda, get loud, yell and protest so that state legislators have to take notice of higher education, Johnson said.

The difference this year is that members of SGA will have a chance to sit down with legislators and discuss the issue face to face, said Skylar Jordan, executive chief of staff.

The second front is the Listen Up, Legislators drive on Feb. 14, in which SGA members attempt to raise awareness on campus about education budget issues. This year's Listen Up, Legislators drive will include a group video of students asking for adequate funding for education, and a Valentine's Day theme, Johnson said.

In addition to lobbying for higher education in Frankfort,

SGA hopes to encourage students to participate in this semester's SGA elections, Boles said.

"The Student Government Association is not supposed to be a club just to have something to put on a resume," he said. "We encourage students to come and question the leadership."

SGA members don't want the elections to be a popularity contest, as it has been in past years, said Kayla Shelton, speaker of the senate.

One of the most important points for SGA this year is increasing student body participation in SGA events, meetings and elections, Boles said.

In an effort to increase student participation, SGA will combine this year's debates and other SGA election promotional events with SGA week, March 25-28, Johnson said.

Along with increasing student participation in SGA elections, SGA plans to use events to elevate voter turnout in this year's local, state and national elections.

"Our main concern is to let the students know that we are here for them," Boles said.

In order to achieve this goal, SGA will include a voter registration drive in SGA week. SGA will have its retreat Feb. 2, Johnson said.

Following an informal speech by Johnson, in which she will address her goals for this semester and explain the challenges facing SGA this semester concerning tuitions increases, the members will break off into committees to discuss specific issues facing SGA this year, Boles said.

Boles said that during the retreat executive officers will get a briefing on how state government works to prepare for their lobbying trip to Frankfort.

Newer members will be trained on SGA procedure.

"One of our biggest goals of this semester is obtaining equivalent funding for Western."

— Johnathon Boles
Executive Vice President

► NEWS BRIEFS

Woods hearing postponed

The hearing for the discrimination lawsuit Ingrid Woods brought against Western has been postponed again.

The trial, originally scheduled for June 4, 2007, was postponed for Sept. 11, 2007, then again for Feb. 19, 2008.

A new trial date has not been set.

Jeff Traugher, attorney at Broderick and Associates law firm, was representing Woods but has moved to a job in Todd County.

Kevin Hackworth, also at Broderick and Associates law firm, will resume work on the case, but needs time to get the case together, said Greg Stivers, attorney representing Western.

Western claims domain

Western has filed an eminent domain condemnation suit for the property at 1672 Normal St.

A hearing is set for Feb. 19 for Western to prove necessity and public purpose for seizing the property.

"We are very comfortable with presenting that," General Counsel Deborah Wilkins said.

The property lies within the site where the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building is planned to be built.

After Western offered to purchase the property from H.B. Clark Jr. for \$162,000, commissioners assigned to assess the property appraised it at \$205,306, the Herald reported last November.

"The court appoints commissioners to set a value," Wilkins said. "In this case, we'll get a jury trial to set a price."

Clark referred questions to his attorney, David Broderick, who was not available for comment.

— Holly Brown

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Wednesday, January 30

All day Petition Signing continues

All day “Too Much Coal”

Come see how much coal it takes to keep you warm at WKU. (Coal piles in front of DUC and in front of Cherry Hall)

12:40 – 1:35pm “Is Global Warming Real?”

An introduction to arguments that support and rebut global warming. This will serve as the kick off for a series of student led seminars presenting reputable data from multiple sources concerning some of the most common arguments surrounding global warming. This investigative discussion will continue throughout most of February. Presenter: Karen Powell, Liberal Arts and Science BGCC South Campus Room CO 121

6:45pm – 8:00 The 2% Solution

National Focus the Nation Webcast: This webcast will feature Professor Stephen Schneider from Stanford University and lay the ground work for the Teach-In. MMTH Auditorium

Thursday, January 31

Stop by the Teach In headquarters today! Grise Hall Lobby

Special Events

These special events are Open to All

Art exhibit, “American Dream” by Anita Jung

Come by the hallway gallery in FAC, 2nd Floor, to view the piece. It is both image and text based and addresses the political issues surrounding the effects of hurricane Katrina. (Katrina is one of many recent storms whose intensity and effects have been linked to climate change.) The artist will be on campus to visit with students Feb 5. She will speak about her work on Feb 5 – Mardi Gras - at 6:00 PM in FAC 156. The show will remain up until Feb 28.

All day Petition Signing continues

All day “Too Much Coal”

Coal piles in front of DUC and in front of Cherry Hall

8:00am – 4:30pm

Bowling Green Community GreenFair Grise Hall First Floor Lobby

10:00, 11:00 1:00 Cool Tour of a Hot Joint

Giant ferns and plants inhabiting the swamps that covered this area 300 million years ago keep our campus warm today. Learn more on a tour of the WKU Central Steam Plant. Tours will leave from Grise Hall lobby at 10:00, 11:00, and 1:00 sharp. The tour is 35-45 minutes in duration. Each group is limited to 12 people.

10:30 – 1:00 Science Awareness Society Information Table

Information on basic global warming trends and how recycling can offset a part of the “human foot print.” FREE POPCORN BGCC South Campus Common Area

1:00 – 4:30 Solar Demonstration Project Open House

WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships 1818 31-W Bypass

3:00 – 4:00 Solar Energy in Kentucky: Its Time Has Come

“Sustainable development is a global concern but requires local action.” We will look at types of solar energy, advantages of use, cost-benefits, local applications, the TVA “Generation Partners” program, and new directions for the future. The presentation is part of a Solar Energy Open House and tour, featuring the new grid-intertied solar photovoltaic “Generation Partners” installation at the ALIVE Center. Presenter: Nancy Givens - FaCET, Chairperson of BGGreen Partnership for a Sustainable Community ALIVE Center, 1818 31-W Bypass

7:00 – 8:30 Closing Session The Climate Crisis: Global Climate Change and a Cultural Movement (FAC Recital Hall)

You’ve heard about it, you’ve read about it, so now come see it: The most famous slideshow on Planet Earth! Come see a live presentation of the Climate Project’s Global Climate Change slideshow. In 2007, Al Gore and the Climate Project Team trained just 1,000 private citizens in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia to deliver the presentation made famous in the film An Inconvenient Truth. WKU professor, Dr. Chris Antonsen, trained by Al Gore and his team, presents the science, the facts, and the cultural dynamics of the Global Climate Change crisis. This may be the most important powerpoint you ever see!

Teach-In Sessions

You are welcome to attend any OPEN session.

8:00am – 9:20 Earth’s Changing Resources: Nonrenewable vs Renewable Energy Sources

Lecture discusses the environmental problems associated with nonrenewable energy sources, as well as the economic and non-economic obstacles that need to be overcome for the widespread use of

renewable energy sources.

Presenter: Jill Brown, BGCC South Campus (Closed)

9:35 – 10:35 The Story of Stuff

Did you get some new STUFF over break? What happened to your old STUFF? Come watch the 20 minute video The Story of Stuff, which explores the production, consumption and disposal of “stuff” and its impact on you and the environment. Then join in the discussion to follow. What can YOU do to stop the madness?

Presenter: Dr. Mary Kate Goodwin-Kelly, Honors Program

Cherry Hall Room 305 (Open)

9:35 – 10:55 Just the Facts: The Science of Climate Change

What is climate change? Confused about global warming? Start the day with a discussion of the science of climate change.

Presenter: Dr. John All, Department of Geography and Geology

Cherry Hall Room 302 (Open)

Gender, Race, Class, and the Environment

How does environmental degradation affect the daily lives of poor women? What difference do race, class, and gender make? How does the division of labor and environmental impact affect “women’s work?” This session will explore water, food, and fuel production/resources in terms of gender, race, and class both globally and in the U.S.

Presenter: Dr. Molly Kerby, Women’s Studies Program

Cherry Hall Room 304 (Open)

Marketing Opportunities and Challenges Posed by Global Warming

A discussion of how global climate change offers marketing opportunities to those wise enough to seize them.

Presenter: Dr. Ron Milliman, Marketing Department

Grise Hall 435 (Open)

“The Impact of Global Climate Change on Indigenous Cultures”

Indigenous cultures around the world, particularly those who live in the Arctic, are disproportionately affected by global climate change. Indigenous peoples in the Arctic live a subsistence lifestyle where hunting is their primary source of food and economy. Their culture and way of life, which they have practiced for thousands of years, is under threat as the result of global climate change. This session will discuss the ways in which global climate change affects the ability of the Gwich’in and Inuit peoples to maintain their cultural ways of life.

Presenter: Dr. Kristin Dowell, Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology

FAC 239 (Open)

“Global Climate’s Impact on the Rise and Fall of Cultures/Civilization.”

A brief discussion on how changes in global weather patterns have facilitated the rise and fall of cultures/civilizations.

Presenter: Charles Borders, History, BGCC (Closed)

“A Park in Peril or Just Politics?”

How interest groups compete over issues affecting some of our last “pieces of wilderness,” our national parks, is the subject of this session. The discussion covers three of the issues at stake in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem: the fate of the gray wolf, bison and brucellosis and snow mobiles. A slide show will demonstrate what is at stake and some of the actors, including citizen groups, that are engaged in the politics of the park. Presenter: Dr. Soleiman Kiasatpour, Department of Political Science

Grise Hall Room 337 (Open)

10:00 – 11:00 Radical Simplicity: How Relinquishing the American Dream Can Curb Climate Change

The presentation will focus on YOU and your accountability to a warming planet. The key culprit in Earth’s destruction is the standard American lifestyle. Relinquishing the American Dream means liberating our land and ourselves from the bondage of consumerist culture. By reconnecting with nature, reducing our ecological footprint, and making sustainable choices, we can recognize all that is at stake, curb global warming, and free ourselves from debt in the process.

Presenter: Bonny “Bonfire” McDonald, spoken word poet and teaching artist, Kaleidoscope mentoring artist

MMTH Atrium (Open)

11:10 – 12:20pm The Environment as a Political (Non-) Issue

A discussion on the role that the environment plays in American elections.

Presenter: Dr. Scott Lasley, Department of Political Science

Cherry Hall Room 305 (Open)

The Fight for Environmental Justice

Spirited discussion on the impact of toxic waste dumping in economically deprived African American neighborhoods. Presenter: Dr. Sandra Curry Ardrey, African American Studies

Grise Hall Room 337 (Open)

Marketing Opportunities and Challenges Posed by Global Warming

(See 9:35 to 10:55 presentation for description)

Presenter: Dr. Ron Milliman, Marketing Department

Grise Hall 435 (Open)

Philosophy and Climate Change: Do We Really Know There is a Climate Crisis, and If So, How?

Presenter: Dr. Jan Garrett, Department of Religion and Philosophy
Cherry Hall Room 304 (Closed)

12:45 – 2:05 Environmental Degradation and the Collapse of the Old World Civilization

Discussion focuses on the archaeological record of environmental degradation and the effects of degradation on civilization collapse in the Old World.

Presenter: Dr. Darlene Applegate, Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology

FAC 239 (Open)

Ethanol, Agriculture, and Political Change

Ethanol and other plant-based fuels are one of the solutions proposed to address US dependence on fossil fuels. This session is about what role agriculture policy plays in addressing the causes of global warming and the achievement of energy independence.

Presenter: Dr. Jeff Kash, Department of Political Science
Grise Hall Room 337 (Open)

1:00 – 3:00 We Are Part of the Global Community: The Importance of Developing Global Awareness in Elementary School Students

An IVS discussion broadcast to Radcliff, Owensboro, Bowling Green, Glasgow, and Elizabethtown. Presenter: Patricia Bertke, Department of Curriculum and Instruction (Closed)

2:00 – 3:00 Radical Simplicity: How Relinquishing the American Dream Can Curb Climate Change

(See 10:00 presentation for description). Presenter: Bonny “Bonfire” McDonald, spoken word poet and teaching artist, Kaleidoscope mentoring artist

MMTH Atrium (Open)

2:20 – 3:40 Gender, Race, Class, and the Environment

(See 9:35 presentation for description). Presenter: Dr. Molly Kerby, Women’s Studies Program

Cherry Hall 325 (Open)

The Politics of Word Choice

Is it “global warming” or climate change or environmental issues? Does the choice of words and language make a difference in the acceptance of an issue?

Presenter: Dr. Jenifer Lewis, Department of Communication Studies
FAC 140 (Open)

An Insider’s View of the Global Warming Debate

A not to miss presentation...

Come hear this insider’s perspective who studied with one of the leading global warming skeptics funded by the oil/gas industry. Dr. Goodrich shows how many of the skeptical arguments in use are flawed and how the skeptics have changed their focus as global warming has become better understood.

Presenter: Dr. Gregory Goodrich, Department of Geography and Geology
EST 350 (Open)

Using the Power of the Internet to Muster Public Awareness of and Action Against World Wide Issues Such as Global Warming

Presenter: Dr. Ron Miliman, Marketing Department
Grise Hall 455 (Open)

Philosophy and Climate Change: Do We Really Know There is a Climate Crisis, and If So, How?

Presenter: Dr. Jan Garrett, Religion and Philosophy
Cherry Hall Room 304 (Closed)

2:30 – 3:30 Methanogenesis

Come hear a really good story about a rather unique biological process.

Presenter: Dr. Kinchel Doerner, Biology Department
Grise Hall Room 337 (Open)

3:00 – 4:00 Climate Change and Infectious Disease

Come learn about the potential impacts of global climate change on the transmission, geographic distribution, and severity of infectious diseases of humans.

Presenter: Dr. Cheryl Davis, Biology Department
TCNW Room 130 (Open)

How Economic Sciences can Inform the Discourse on Climate Change

The focus will be on the scholarship in the Economic Sciences that provide a basis for assessing policies to remedy a variety of environmental problems. Attention will be given to the evolution of thinking of economists on environmental issues, the impact of economic sciences on environmental policies and on the relevance of economic sciences to the climate change discourse. Presenter: Dr. Bill Davis, Department of Economics
Grise Hall 439 (Open)

4:00 – 6:55 21st Century Resource Management Challenges: Maintaining Ecological Resilience in the Face of a Changing Climate

Join Dr. All and his natural resource management students as they discuss this challenging issue.

Presenter: Dr. John All, Department of Geography and Geology
EST 0338 (Open)

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Visit <http://www.wku.edu/green/focus> for more information on global climate change and the National Teach-In or contact Dr. Sandra Ardrey, 745-4558.

CAMPUS LIFE

PRISM concert brings different ensembles, music styles to Western

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

The lights dimmed and all fell silent as the audience in Van Meter Auditorium sat in anticipation of the 13th annual PRISM concert last Friday.

A mysterious voice crept out into the darkness quoting composer Edward Elgar, “Music ... it’s all around us. It’s in everything we do.”

As if in the middle of a fictional galaxy, a combination of laser and strobe lights lit the sold-out auditorium with all colors of the rainbow.

The lights flashed across the stage and into the stands giving glimpses of each featured musical performance, shifting quickly to the next.

Hands clapped and feet tapped to the rhythms as each musical group performed its own variations of songs, including the 1962 hit “Hey! Baby” by Bruce Channel, the 1982 hit song “Jack and Diane” by John Mellencamp, the Western fight song and Caribbean-inspired tunes from the Steel Drum band.

The PRISM concert format consists of different perform-

ing ensembles and music selections, and includes many lights and special effects.

For Scottsville sophomore Holly Barnes, a percussionist, her second year performing in the concert which showcases Western’s musical talent came with a feeling of experience and excitement.

“I felt more relaxed because it was my second year doing it,” she said. “I attended this concert when I was in high school and it was amazing, so I told myself that I would just go out there and have fun with it.”

Even though it was Bowling Green freshman Matt White’s first time participating, he said all his hard work was worth it because music is a big part of his life.

“I’m always practicing, and when I’m not practicing I’m reading about a composer, and if I’m not doing either one, I’m listening to music,” the trombone player said. “So to me, music is pretty much everything.”

White believes music gives him uniqueness and a sense of self that no one else has.

“Music makes me a little different in my own way,” he

said. “Everyone has a talent, but not everyone decides to channel that talent into music.”

But performers weren’t the only ones who felt proud that night.

Mark Berry, an assistant professor of percussion and director of the steel drum band, has participated in the concert for the last seven years.

“It’s exciting because I get to see the quality of the ensembles and performances continue to improve each year,” Berry said. “I hope the audience enjoyed the many types and styles of music.”

Berry agreed music has a positive effect on those who perform and listen.

“I definitely grew closer to students through this concert because in order to perform well, a bond needs to be formed,” he said. “Everything just has to click.”

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MARY POWERS/HERALD

(Top) Chorus member Sarah White, a Louisville senior, performs in the music department’s 13th annual PRISM concert at Van Meter Auditorium on Friday. Various musical ensembles played different types of music accompanied by mood-setting lighting effects. The musicians played to a full house. (Bottom) Trombone player Jim Stites, a Bowling Green senior, performs in the music department’s 13th annual PRISM concert at Van Meter Auditorium on Friday.

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CAMPUS LIFE

National leadership program fosters friendship, vision

JILL ERWIN
Herald reporter

This summer, Michael Pedigo headed to Owensboro with only faint ideas about his advocacy for gay rights.

The Tomkinsville junior thought he was just going to another leadership event. Name tags. Ice breakers. Boring lectures.

So he didn’t think his passion for gay rights would even be discussed.

Yet after the week-long program, called Leadershape, Pedigo developed his vision to diminish homophobic attitudes and stereotypes on campus with several ideas in the making.

“This program taught me more than just lectures,” Pedigo said. “Everyone involved taught me how to not only set goals, but to build on them and accomplish what I want to achieve.”

Pedigo, along with 39 other Western students, attended the program on leadership development at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center near Owensboro.

Leadershape is a national program that universities can bring to their campuses and run locally.

Western began the program last year to allow students a way to develop a more visionary attitude and leadership skills, said Scott Taylor, director of university centers and leadership and a facilitator at Leadershape.

Each day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., students took part in physical activities and workshops. Students were divided into five or six clusters to perform tasks with during the day.

Leadershape is unique because of the style used to teach about vision and goals, said Amanda Phillips, assistant director of student activities, organization and leadership, and Leadershape coordinator.

“This is not a conference,”

Phillips said. “Students don’t get name tags and sit through lectures. It is an immersion experience, where students get to not only learn about themselves, but get to learn about how others perceive them.”

Among the activities was a rope course that involved everyone in the group to help complete the different obstacles, said Tomkinsville sophomore Cory Gearlds, a Leadershape participant.

“It taught us that leaders sometimes fail, but you have to be optimistic so the team does not get down,” he said.

Leadershape developed a broad leadership curriculum that group facilitators used as a guide each day. The program was an emotional experience because everyone became really close and supportive of each other, said Peggy Crowe, assistant director of student programs in Housing and Residence Life and a Leadershape facilitator.

“I never wanted to leave,” she said. “I feel that bringing a few things I learned to MASTER Plan kids will help recreate those emotions from that week.”

Seclusion was also a benefit of the program. Located in a convent, attendants were somewhat away from the bustle of life, Crowe said.

“They could immerse in their goals and motivation without the stress of work and school,” Crowe said.

But along with hard work, friendships are made and survive past the program, Gearlds said.

“There is no one that went to Leadershape that I do not consider a friend,” he said. “I keep in touch with many of them every day.”

The friendships made over the duration of the program have continued with the start of the Leadershape Alumni Association, a suggestion from some participants and facilitators, said Leadershape participant Kayla Shelton, a sophomore from Gallatin, Tenn.

LAA keeps contact with graduates of the Leadershape program and gives opportunities for funding of future trips. The cost mainly comes from donations from different offices at Western.

Students also use what they learn at Leadershape in real life experiences.

Tompkinsville senior Ashley Turner said she used her Leadershape experiences to be a better president for her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. Through the program, she found new and better ways to run and organize meetings.

“I think everyone should have a chance to experience a program like this,” Turner said. “This is truly a once in a lifetime chance because you experience so many types of people you would not talk to otherwise.”

The second annual Leadershape is May 12-17 at a camp in Evansville, Ind. Students can apply for one of the 60 spots until March 3.

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— Amanda Phillips
Leadershape coordinator

COLUMN

Local bands Cage the Elephant and Micah draw large crowds to Bread & Bagel



THE SCENIC ROUTE
Eric Isbell

On Saturday in Bread & Bagel, chaos was erupting. Amid a sea of shaggy hair and tight jeans, local musicians were appealing to the crowd. The preachers to the crowd were none other than Bowling Green's own Micah and Cage the Elephant, with American Bang coming in from Nashville.

"It's really hot in here, and I don't mean the temperature," Cage the Elephant front man Matt Shultz told the crowd.

The venue was packed and brought about the memory of an underground basement show. Water was dripping off the glass panels on the sides from the condensation, and people were dripping with sweat.

The show had a vibrant feeling, one that everyone in the

crowd was getting into. With fists thrusting into the air, bodies surfing across the crowd and a dreadful fear of ceiling fans, the show was a force to be reckoned with.

When Cage the Elephant took the stage, the crowd resembled Mount St. Helens, erupting with such ferocity that the ceiling fans shook. A more traditional rocker in the back raised his pint in appreciation for good things to come.

The band played a set that took the crowd through the classical stages of life, going into the realm of love, and even to how there won't be any rest for the wicked.

Cage the Elephant, who is heading to London in February, told the crowd that it was its first home show in a while.

"The bands are good, but Bowling Green needs a bigger venue for shows," Glasgow senior Kristin Pruitt said.

Pruitt, who came to see Cage the Elephant, said she's seen them a few times.

The show not only attracted those of college age, but it also brought in high schoolers.

Rebecca Lang, a student at Bowling Green High School, said that it was really amazing. "I've been looking forward to it for weeks" she said.

Sarah Cross, a Nashville native, said she drove up just to watch American Bang.

"I'm a good friend of the band, so I came to support," she said.

Cross, who said she was a little familiar with the other bands, said she saw American Bang at this year's Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn. She thought the band was quite amazing.

American Bang have a sound that is closely related

to southern rock, mixing in to sound like a contemporary version of Lynyrd Skynyrd. There were references by the crowd that their style was a close match to Kings of Leon. But, they weren't the only one's to catch the crowds eye.

Local band Micah, who was the opening act for the show, held a more alternative approach to their stylings.

Jacquelyn Wallace, the vocalist of Micah, said it was an awesome show.

"Our fans that we have are really great," Wallace said.

J.D. Weiskircher, the owner and operator of Bread & Bagels, said it was a busy night.

"The bands seem to enjoy playing here, so that's good," he said.

Eric Isbell is a senior philosophy major from Russell Springs.

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Glasgow sophomore Joe McKinney and Bardstown junior Austin Blair, both broadcasting majors, edit a recent film project in their Bowling Green studio. Blair and McKinney own Allied Media, a film production company. "Our goal is to dominate the Bowling Green market," McKinney said. Once that is accomplished, the two plan to focus on the Nashville area.

Two broadcasting majors start production company, set sights on Nashville

JILL ERWIN
Herald reporter

A red carpet rolled out for Bardstown junior Austin Blair and Glasgow sophomore Joe McKinney at the Country Music Awards in Nashville.

Blair and McKinney attended the CMAs in November with radio station WBUL 98.1, located in Lexington, to film 16 interviews with country music stars. Blair and McKinney's production company, Allied Media, was involved in promoting the artists. The interviews were used in a multimedia piece the two made for Clear Channel Communications.

McKinney and Blair met many celebrities while filming the footage, such as country singer Charlie Daniels.

"The whole thing was just fun," Blair said. "When we met Charlie Daniels, it felt like he was everybody's grandpa. He was such a nice person."

McKinney and Blair met while taking a broadcasting class in 2004, and began talking about starting their own production company.

"At first, we would just talk about it, but never took it too seriously," McKinney said. "But we decided to do it. One day we said, 'Let's do this while we're still young and stupid.'"

Allied Media began more than a year ago. They complete projects on their own, out of their apartment.

"We both put in around 40 hours each, every week," McKinney added.

Allied Media has a client list that includes TS Performance, a company that makes products for diesel vehicles, and Hart County Tourism Commission, where McKinney and Blair shoot commercials and tourism videos and do promotional work.

Blair concentrates on filming, while McKinney focuses on editing and packaging.

To date, their longest client relationship is the Hart County Tourism Commission, which has lasted about a year.

Sandra Wilson, executive director of Hart County Tourism Commission, said the professionalism of Blair and McKinney is excellent, especially for their age.

"We really respect them for their knowledge of technology," Wilson said. "We hired them because they were young and fresh, and they have fantastic ideas and were willing to take risks."

McKinney and Blair started the company by taking on smaller projects that allowed them to save their earnings.

"I wanted to start this company by not going into debt, so we saved the money we made," McKinney said. "As we got more, we were able to buy everything ourselves without taking out loans."

The two have spent about \$40,000 on equipment, such as cameras and video editing software.

The cost of projects depends on the amount of work needed, and is based on a case-to-case situation, Blair said. The two are able to continue going to school part time as broadcasting majors and run the company.

In the future, both hope to expand their company to a mid-size market in Nashville.

"It is a mini-Hollywood," Blair said about Nashville. "So much happens there with the music and entertainment. It would be the ideal place to go with a business like this."

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Western is receiving fewer students from Tennessee in particular because of the creation of a lottery in Tennessee designed to create more scholarships and keep more students in-state.

Kahler said the number of transfer students decreased by 53 students, even though overall enrollment increased.

There are 166 more students enrolled this spring than last spring.

Western attends college fairs at schools in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, but fewer students are attending the fairs than was hoped, Kahler said.

"We're just not reaching out to them," he said.

A report by the Council on Postsecondary Education pointed to three obstacles that prevent KCTCS students from transferring to a university like

Western: cost, location and perception of a higher degree, Kahler said.

Some KCTCS students don't think they can afford to attend a university, especially when the university isn't as close to home as the KCTCS school, he said. Some students also don't perceive the economic benefit of a bachelor's degree over an associate degree.

Studies show that going from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree increases lifetime earnings dramatically, he said.

Transferring from a KCTCS school to Western is difficult because many classes won't transfer, or they only transfer as part of a general studies degree program, Regent Forrest Roberts said.

"You come out with a general studies degree, and nobody's impressed," she said.

Roberts also said Western's Web site has a link to Bowling Green Community College, but not to Elizabethtown Community and Technical College or Owensboro

Community and Technical College, which are the two KCTCS schools that most students transfer from.

President Gary Ransdell said creating links on Western's Web site for those campuses is a great idea.

"We need to treat them like ours and proceed accordingly," he said.

Western is working on a joint admissions and enrollment initiative with ECTC, Kahler said.

Students would be enrolled at ECTC and Western, so they wouldn't have to go through another application process to get a bachelor's degree.

The process would be a smooth transition, and would eliminate any perception of a difficult transfer process, he said.

Kahler said Western is also looking at out-of-state and international recruitment initiatives.

Out-of-state students usually

come because of word-of-mouth referrals and online inquiries about Western, he said.

"We point out the benefits of a WKU degree as compared to some of those other (schools)," Kahler said.

One international initiative is a contract with agents in Malaysia who will be recruiting students from that region, he said.

Western is also looking at an online orientation program to make orientation easier for students who live far from Western, Kahler said.

It's important to retain as many students as possible by getting them connected to organizations or people on campus, he said.

Kahler said students need to feel like they belong at Western.

"They don't come if they don't fit," he said.

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"We're just not reaching out to them."

— Dean Kahler
Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

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TENNIS

Lady Toppers drop tight season opener to Cumberland University

SARAH HYMAN
Herald reporter

After splitting singles matches 3-3, the Lady Toppers needed two victories in doubles matches to secure a victory in their first match of the season against Cumberland (Tenn.). But the Lady Toppers (0-1) instead surrendered two doubles matches to give Cumberland (1-0) the 4-3 win. “Obviously we would have liked to have won that match,” coach Jeff True said. “We have to do better in our doubles, because that’s such an important part of the match.” The three doubles matches served as a tiebreaker to determine the meet’s winner. Though freshmen Carrie True and Leanne Caplinger won the No. 3 doubles match 9-7, juniors Erin Fulkerson and Marija Djuran lost 8-3 to Natasha Yakomovich and

Beatrice Mompo at No. 1 doubles. Cumberland’s Kristin Goodman and Emily Jacobs won the No. 2 match 8-6 against seniors Brittany Waiz and Holly Kell. Because the Lady Toppers lost two of the three doubles matches, Cumberland was given the point. “The match went better than I thought it would for the first one of the season,” Waiz said. “I just think we need more experience with our partners.” In singles, Djuran won the No. 2 match 6-3, 6-1 against Mompo. Western also took the No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches, as Waiz defeated Goodman 6-0 and Carrie True took down Jacobs

6-0. Yakomovich defeated Fulkerson 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 1 singles position, and sophomore Krystal Brown was defeated 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Caplinger lost to Rahab Mbugu 6-3, 6-1 in No. 6 singles. Fulkerson said she thought the team was better overall than it has been in past years. “We’re definitely deeper from top to bottom,” she said. The Lady Toppers will return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday against Chattanooga. The Toppers will begin their season at 1 p.m. Friday at the University of Louisville. Reach Sarah Hyman at sports@chherald.com.

“We have to do better in our doubles, because that’s such an important part of the match.”

— Jeff True
Coach



DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

Junior forward **Dominique Duck** drives past Arkansas State’s Brittney Hiles during Saturday night’s game. The Lady Toppers are now on a 10-game winning streak and undefeated in the Sun Belt Conference.

SLOPPY

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The Lady Toppers are averaging 19.6 turnovers a game, fourth-worst in the conference. Western has been able to counter the number of turnovers in other areas such as rebounding. In addition to the second half of the ASU game, the Lady Toppers out-rebounded the New Orleans Privateers 40-16, including 15 offensive boards.

Western leads the conference in rebounding margin, grabbing an average of 7.3 more boards than their opponents. Freshman guard Amy McNear said that the team is focused on rebounding. “If we don’t do anything else, we’re going to box out and rebound,” McNear said. The Lady Toppers’ next game is a battle of the conference division leaders, as East division leader Western faces off against West division leader Arkansas-Little Rock. Despite the “sloppy” play,

Kelly said the team has a positive outlook for the rest of the season. “It seems like the past few games we’ve been putting ourselves in bad situations where teams have been able to come back,” Kelly said. “But we’ve done such a good job of holding our composure and not thinking we’re going to lose the game.” Western plays Arkansas Little-Rock at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Diddle Arena. Reach Chris Acree at sports@chherald.com.

TRACK & FIELD

Repeat victories highlight successful weekend at Middle Tennessee Classic

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

For two Western athletes, Saturday was a case of “same place, same result” at the Middle Tennessee Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn. After winning the same event last week at the Blue Raider Invitational, junior Matt Taitt won the weight throw with a toss of 54 feet. He also won the shot put with a distance of 54 feet, 10 inches. Junior Steve Wilson followed Taitt in similar fashion when he won the men’s 800-meters for the second consecutive week, finishing with a time of 1:56.03 seconds. “Both teams went out and ran well,” head coach Erik Jenkins said. “It was nice to see people put things together technically.” The two victories were among eight events won by Western in Murfreesboro. Another winner in the men’s field events was freshman Josh

Smith, who took home first place honors in the men’s pole vault with a height of 14 feet, a collegiate personal best. A couple of dual-sport athlete turned in good results for Western as well. Freshman Derrius Brooks, a receiver for the football team, placed third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.37 seconds. Junior Andrew Campbell, an offensive lineman, placed third in the shot put with a distance of 45 feet, 7 inches. In the women’s events, sophomore Janet Jesang posted a victory in the 1-mile run with a time of 5:02.66. In women’s throws, senior Geri Brown placed first among collegians in the weight throw with a distance of 56 feet, 5 1/2 inches. She also was the

top college thrower in the shot put with a toss of 46 feet, 7 1/2 inches. The team of sophomore Kellie Morrison, senior Temi Akojie, junior Alecia Brown and junior Heather Hammond took home the victory in the women’s 4x400 yard relay with a time of 3:51.24. “Overall it was a successful meet,” Jenkins said. “We hope to continue to do better as we prepare for the conference championships.” The teams will compete at two meets next weekend, with individuals competing at the Rod McCravy Invitational in Lexington and the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind. Reach Chris Acree at sports@chherald.com.

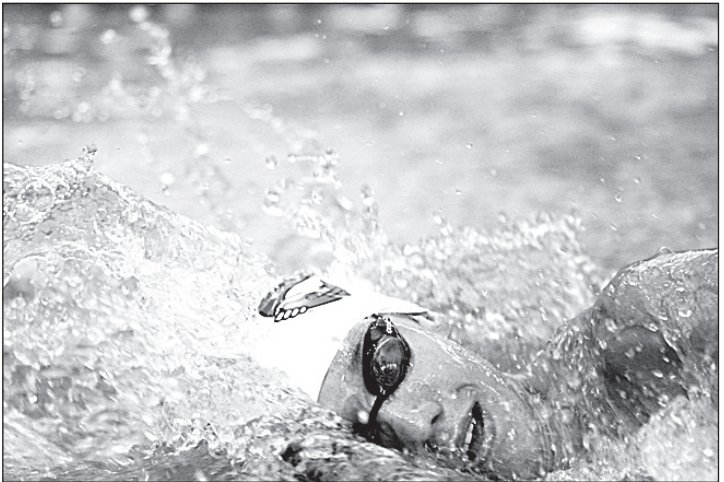
“Overall it was a successful meet. We hope to continue to do better as we prepare for the conference championships.”

— Erik Jenkins
Coach

SENIORS

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“This was our hardest dual meet so far, so it was good that we all came together for the win,” senior Kelly Hargather said. Marchionda said the win was especially meaningful because it sent the senior class out on a high note. “You always remember your last home meet,” he said. “It capped off a great home run over the last four years for our seniors.” The team now turns its attention to Louisville, where they’ll swim the last meet of the season at 6 p.m. Thursday. The Sun Belt Conference championships are Feb. 28 to March 1 in Nashville. “Louisville will be very difficult to beat,” Marchionda said. “They’re a team that’s ranked in the top-25 in the country, so there’ll be key races we’ll need to win.”



AARON BORTON/HERALD

Senior **Kevin Cargill** swims during the meet on Saturday against Evansville.

Sophomore Maggie Skiles says she isn’t concerned about Louisville’s ranking. “We all just feed off of each other and try to swim fast,” she said.

Penhale named SBC Swimmer of the Week

Penhale was named Sun Belt Conference swimmer of

the week after shattering the school record in the 1,650-yard freestyle by 4.5 seconds Saturday. Penhale, who also received the honor during the week of Nov. 28, 2007, is the only male swimmer to win the award twice this season.

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PETTIGREW

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“His greatest ability is not his basketball ability,” Horn said. “It’s his mentality. He’s not scared of anything. He’s just gonna go out and play and has a knack for finding a way to get it on the rim and get in the basket.” Pettigrew said he has taken notice of senior guard Tyrone Brazelton’s work ethic in practice. “My mindset is that I am the bigger dog in the fight,” Brazelton said. “I don’t really look at the height thing or the size thing. I just look at it like player on player, trying to compete. Really it is just an aggressive mindset.” But Pettigrew has had to make adjustments as the season has gone on. Through much of the

early part of the season, Pettigrew was alternating time between the shooting guard and small forward spots for Horn. Pettigrew said he struggled there though, his ball-handling wasn’t where he wanted it to be. So Horn made an adjustment and now has Pettigrew playing the power forward spot. Playing in high school, I always played inside,” Pettigrew said. “It just made me grow and be more comfortable with the game.” Pettigrew said he’s looking forward to the offseason as an opportunity to hone his ball-handling skills, and perhaps become a player that Horn can interchange between a three and a four. For now though, Pettigrew is playing for a different team than what he saw last year on those recruiting trips.

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CRYSTAL KELLY | Senior Forward

Questions & Athletes



RANDALL REARDEN
Herald reporter

Few players in Lady Topper history have made an impact the way senior forward Crystal Kelly has.

This 2004 Kentucky Miss Basketball has continuously showed that she is one of the top performers in the country. She already has broken program records for career points and rebounds, as well as owning the career mark for points in the Sun Belt Conference.

Kelly and the Lady Toppers are currently 14-5, 9-0 in the Sun Belt, and are riding a 10-game winning streak.

Q: Going into preseason did you think that the team would be 14-5 and unbeaten in the Sun Belt?

A: I really didn't think that far ahead going into the season. We just try and take it one game at a time but it's a great feeling to be undefeated and hopefully we can finish off the same way.

Q: Since Arnika Brown has been eligible, has it "lightened the load" in the post and on both ends of the court?

A: It really has. She is such a great player and she's really athletic, and on the boards people can't handle her and she does lessen the load for me a lot and

the rest of us.

Q: Do you see your breaking the school and Sun Belt scoring record as a gift or more of a load off your back?

A: I really didn't think about it. People would tell me. I guess it's a great honor to have and things like that. But I'm just trying to do whatever I can to help my team out. But I really don't even think about it.

Q: What are your thoughts about a chance to play in the NCAA tournament? If you didn't make it, would it make your career any less?

A: Well that is one of my goals here. So that is something I definitely want to do, and it's my last time around so I do think that this team is very talented and we have a really good chance of making it this year. So I'm not going to think about us not making because I really feel confident that we will.

Q: Do you have any fears on the floor?

A: No, other than I get nervous before every game, like sick nervous. It's just something that's always happened, so no.

Q: If you didn't play basketball, what

would you be doing right now?

A: I don't know, because basketball is my life. Like I don't know what I would do. I can't see myself as being a regular student and I can't see myself having a job. So I would have to be doing some kind of sport.

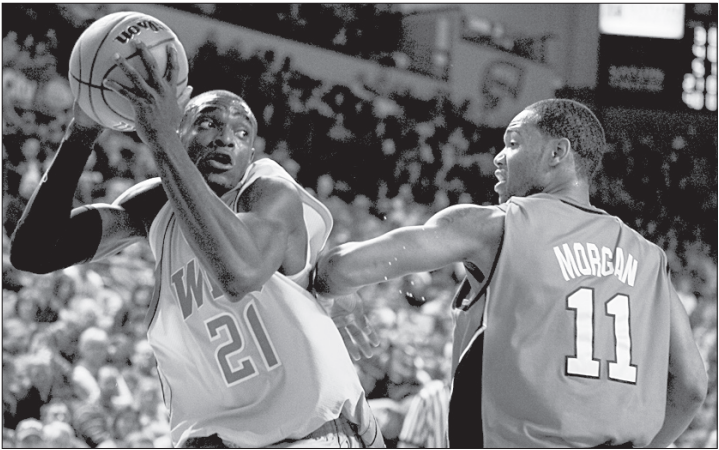
Q: Most challenging aspect of the game?

A: Just the time and the hard work and the dedication that you have to have in order to be successful, and it's just so much into this and it's nice to be rewarded by winning.

Q:What are plans after graduation in May?

A: I do plan to be playing professionally. That's the plan right now. Hopefully I can stay healthy and I want to play here as well as overseas. I think I have so many different options. Staying with basketball, going into coaching, something like that. I know to think about the future, but I don't think about because I am so comfortable playing here at Western right now. We'll see.

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ALTON STRUPP/HERALD

Senior forward Boris Siakam prepares to make a move on Arkansas State forward Shawn Morgan during the first half of Sunday's game in Diddle Arena. Siakam scored six points on the night going 3-of-3 from the field. The Toppers held off a late Arkansas State charge on their way to collecting a 77-68 win.

LEE

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"The zone defense bothered them a little bit. We stuck with it, now we mixed and matched a little bit and tried to switch it up a little bit," Nutt said. "But we got it to three and we felt like we were right where we needed to be, until Courtney Lee hit the two shots that really broke our back."

Yes, Lee responded when it was needed most.

"We just wanted to keep our poise and just take the good shots, and my teammates were able to penetrate and kick it out and I was able to knock down shots," Lee said.

Horn said he feels like Lee has been playing well since the second half of the game against Louisiana-Lafayette, when he scored 21 of his 23 points.

"I do think what he's doing really well on the offensive end is letting the game come

to him and being aggressive at the times he needs to be," Horn said.

Lee and the Toppers host Arkansas-Little Rock in the second of three straight home games at 7 p.m. Thursday in Diddle Arena.

Tipping Arrested

Western signee Jameson Tipping was arrested Thursday on charges he and a minor went on a shooting spree with a BB gun, hitting as many as 50 cars, according to the Bradenton (Fla.) Herald.

Tipping plays for Bradenton Christian High School. The same school current Topper, freshman forward D.J. Magley comes from and where Magley's father, David is the head coach.

"We're aware of it, but considering the circumstances, we're not at liberty to comment on it or make any decisions on it right now," Horn said.

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Lee named SBC
Player of the Week
for third time

On Monday afternoon, senior guard Courtney Lee was named Sun Belt Conference player of the week for the third time this season. This marks the first time in the last two years that a player has been honored with the award more than twice in the same season.

Lee’s career-high 33 points in a 77-68 victory over Arkansas State on Saturday followed a 19-point outing in a 73-55 win at New Orleans on Wednesday in which Lee moved past Tom Marshall for third place on the program’s all-time scoring list.

Lee averaged 26 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists for the week. He currently averages 21.3 points per game on the season, second in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Toppers take on Arkansas-Little Rock at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Diddle Arena.

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LUKE SHARRETT / HERALD

Senior guard Courtney Lee takes a jump shot during the Hilltoppers’ home game against Arkansas State Sunday afternoon. Lee scored a career-high 33 points in the 77-68 victory.

32 goes for 32

Lee leads Toppers to 77-68 win over Arkansas State

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Things were pretty good around Diddle Arena on Sunday afternoon.

The Toppers returned home from a two-game road swing in Louisiana, notching victories over Louisiana-Lafayette and New Orleans.

The students were back in force from the winter break, as 6,109 fans nearly filled Diddle Arena to see the Toppers play Arkansas State (9-11, 4-6 Sun Belt Conference West Division) on Sunday. It was the largest crowd of the year to see a Sun Belt Conference opponent in Diddle Arena.

To top it off, senior guard Courtney Lee scored a career-high 33 points in the Toppers 77-68 victory over the Indians.

Despite leading the team for the 18th time in scoring this season, Lee still wasn’t satisfied.

Sure, he hit a pair of three-pointers when the Toppers (16-5, 8-1 SBC East) needed them most, and he didn’t commit a turnover in 33 minutes.

But when it got down to it, just 10 minutes after the end of the game, Lee knew

he could have been better on the defensive end of the floor.

“You can say it was (the best game of my career),” Lee said. “But I’m not looking at it like that, because I still let my team down on a couple of slides and defensive assignments in the second half. I mean, no one is going to play a perfect game, I just play forward and correct the little mistakes.”

Head coach Darrin Horn knew it too. “It wasn’t his best game,” Horn said. “When he has his best game, our whole team plays that way.”

Senior guard Tyrone Brazelton had 20 points, and sophomore forward Jeremy Evans scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds. Beyond that, nothing was too spectacular in the box score.

The Toppers led by as many as 18 in the second half, but when Arkansas State coach Dickey Nutt presented a 2-3 zone to the Toppers, it stalled the Western offense, allowing the Indians to get as close as three points after Ryan Wedel heaved in a three-pointer from about 30 feet away to bring the Indians to 60-57 with 5:21 left.

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— Courtney Lee
Senior Guard

SWIMMING & DIVING

Seniors end home careers with wins over SIU

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Herald reporter

For the fourth time in six years, Western’s senior swimmers ended their home careers on a winning note.

The Toppers (8-0) beat Southern Illinois 138-99 on Saturday. The Lady Toppers (7-1) also won their meet, 131-105, in the last home meet of the season.

“Obviously, with an in-conference foe, it was great to get a win,” coach Bruce Marchionda said. “That gives us a lot of confidence.”

Sophomore Sean Penhale led the Toppers by taking first place in the 500-yard freestyle and the 1000-yard freestyle. Junior Cameron Brown had a first-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke, and senior Francis Gilmore contributed with a win in the 200-yard backstroke.



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(Above) Junior Raichelle King celebrates after winning the women’s freestyle race during the Toppers’ home swim meet against the Southern Illinois Saturday afternoon .

Western’s recent record-breaking ways continued when the 200-yard medley relay team, consisting of juniors Jessica Aspinall and Jennifer Adams and freshmen Brittany

Doss and Claire Donahue, clocked in at 1:46.34, only 0.06 seconds ahead of the previous pool record.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Pettigrew finds home down low

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Freshman forward Steffphon Pettigrew said he remembers coming to Western games last year and seeing aspects of players playing for themselves and not for the team.

He was assured by head coach Darrin Horn that things would be different this year.

Nine months later, the 2007 Mr. Basketball in Kentucky is nearly two-thirds through his first year as a college basketball player.

“I pretty much just go in and play my role,” Pettigrew said. “Bang in there as much as I can and try to help them out, not only on the offensive end, but also rebounding on the (defensive) end.”

Pettigrew is averaging nearly 13 minutes and five points a game for the 16-5 Toppers.

He came off the bench to score a career-high 14 points against Louisiana-Lafayette last week, 12 of his points came in the first half.

“You go back and look at (the points against Louisiana-Lafayette), they were all pretty much just finding a way to get it in the hole,” Horn said. “It wasn’t anything fancy. He definitely has the ability to do that, and because of that he’s transitioned well into the college game.”

Is Horn willing to say that Pettigrew has smoothed into his role more quickly than his freshman counterparts?

“I wouldn’t go as far to say that,” he said. “I think he’s the one that brings abilities that show up the most that are most easily translated. But I wouldn’t necessarily say he’s adjusted the quickest or the easiest.”

Pettigrew’s abilities showed up against Nebraska in early December. In overtime alone, Pettigrew grabbed five rebounds, as well as made two free throws.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

After ‘sloppy’ wins, Lady Tops look to UALR

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Herald reporter

While many teams would be pleased with a 10-game winning streak, head coach Mary Taylor Cowles calls into question the Lady Topper’s last three victories.

“The last three games we’ve won, I feel like have been very sloppy games on our part,” Cowles said.

Western (16-5, 9-0 Sun Belt Conference) pushed their winning streak to 10 games and remained undefeated in Sun Belt Conference play with an 81-73 win over Arkansas State on Saturday.

Despite getting out to an 11-point lead early, the Lady Indians (12-10, 7-4 SBC) capitalized on 13 first-half turnovers by the Lady Toppers to go on a 16-5 run to tie the contest, before Western took a 37-36 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Toppers out-rebounded ASU 30-14 on their way to the eventual victory.

Senior forward Crystal Kelly continued her assault on the team’s record books.

Her 26 points were good enough to make her the first Lady Topper to pass the 2,500-point mark.

Her 17 rebounds, a career-high, made her the first player in the program’s history to grab more than 1,100 rebounds.

It was Kelly’s 11th double-double of the season.

Freshman forward Amika Brown also had a career game, scoring a career-high 20 points and grabbing 10 boards, her second double-double this season.

Angie Criner led the Lady Indians in scoring with 29 points.

The game follows a 75-64 come-from-behind victory at New Orleans (15-5, 7-2 SBC) on Thursday.

Kelly led all players with 29 points and 11 rebounds.

Turnovers have been a key issue for the Lady Toppers, as the last three contests have seen Western commit over 20 turnovers each time.

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Women’s Basketball
Head Coach

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